



Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
Indian Health Service



Vacancy Announcement

*Re-advertisement

Announcement No.: **IHS-06-011 (R)*(A)**
Opening Date: **08-30-2006**
Closing Date: **Open Until Filled**
Area of Consideration: **Government-Wide**
And Any Qualified Indian Candidates

***Applicants that previously applied for IHS-06-011(R) MUST REAPPLY. Amends the closing date to "Open Until Filled" and applicants MUST submit/address the KSA's for a complete application package and to receive consideration. First cut-off date is September 28 and every 30 days until the position is filled.**

INDIAN PREFERENCE POLICY: The Indian Health Service (IHS) is committed to affording employment preference to American Indian and Alaska Native candidates who meet the Secretary of the Interior's definition of Indian for appointment to vacancies within the IHS in accordance with established IHS policy as outlined in Indian Health Manual, Part 7, Chapter 3. The IHS is also committed to achieving full and equal opportunity without discrimination because of race, religion, color, gender, national origin, age, physical or mental disability and sexual orientation. The IHS has a zero tolerance for sexual harassment or reprisal.

POSITION TITLE, SERIES, GRADE:

OFFICE LOCATION:

Accountant
GS-0510-09/11/12/13

Office of the Director
Office of Finance & Accounting
Division of Systems Review & Procedures
Rockville, Maryland

SALARY RANGE:

GS-09: \$44,856 - \$58,318 PA
GS-11: \$54,272 - \$70,558 PA
GS-12: \$65,048 - \$84,559 PA
GS-13: \$77,353 - \$100,554 PA

- Position has promotion potential to the **GS-13** grade level.
- **All supporting documents (SF-50's, KSA's, BIA 4432, etc.) must be received by cut-off dates starting with September 28th.**
- Position does **not** contain supervisory responsibilities.
- Travel and relocation expenses **may** be paid.

BRIEF STATEMENT OF DUTIES: The incumbent serves as an Accountant in the Office of Finance & Accounting, Division of Systems Review & Procedures. As a subject matter expert, reviews and interprets laws and directives issued by the Department of Treasury, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), General Accounting Office (GAO), and Indian Health Service (IHS). Advises the Director, Division of Systems Review and Procedures (DSRP) on the development, implementation, and operation of financial systems. Serves as liaison to Headquarters and Area staff on accounting policy and procedures, systems and systems interfaces, and as assigned, interests external to IHS on matters pertaining to the Agency's financial systems. Financial system work performed by the employee encompasses automated and manual processes, policies, procedures, controls and data. Analyses systems for problems, reviews, and prepares proposals to improve or replace systems. Develops and executes plans for the development, testing, implementation, and evaluation of systems. This may require the incumbent to prepare documentation such as user manuals, guides for testing and evaluating systems, and deliver

user training and support. Develops general and cost accounting procedures, and provides interpretation of policies, guidelines, manual issuances of IHS, PHS, HHS, OMB, Treasury, GAO, and Congress and other authorities. Conducts analysis of accounting and cost data for purposes that may include the preparation of reports, investigation of accounting problems, and recommendation of solutions. Prepares and/or analyzes, footnotes, and performance measures for financial reports.

QUALIFICATION REQUIRED (Education and Experience): COMPETITIVE SERVICE AND EXCEPTED SERVICE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS for the GS-510 Accountant series

- A. Degree: accounting; or a degree in a related field such as business administration, finance, or public administration that included or was supplemented by 24 semester hours in accounting. The 24 hours may include up to 6 hours of credit in business law; **OR**
- B. Combination of education and experience – at least 4 years of experience in accounting, or an equivalent combination of accounting experience, college-level education, and training that provided professional accounting knowledge. The applicant's knowledge must also include one of the following:
 - 1. 24 semester hours in accounting or auditing courses of appropriate type and quality. This can include up to 6 hours of business law.
 - 2. A certificate as Certified Public Accountant or a Certified Internal Auditor, obtained through written examination; or
 - 3. Completion of the requirements for a degree that included substantial course work in accounting or auditing, e.g., 15 semester hours but that does not fully satisfy the 24 semester hour requirement in paragraph A, provided that (a) the applicant has successfully worked at the full-performance level in accounting, auditing, or a related field, e.g., evaluation engineering or financial institution examining; (b) a panel of at least two higher level professional accountants or auditors has determined that the applicant has demonstrated a good working knowledge of accounting and of related and underlying fields that equals breadth, depth, currency, and level of advancement that which is normally associated with successful completion of the 4-year course study described in paragraph A; and (c) except for literal non-conformance to the requirement of 24 semester hours in accounting, the applicant's education, training, and experience fully meet the specified requirements

In addition to meeting the "Basic Entry Requirements," applicants must have the following:

- Must possess 2 years of progressively higher level graduate education leading to a master's degree or equivalent graduate degree OR 52 weeks of specialized experience which is equivalent to at least the GS-7 grade level.

Copy of college transcripts must be submitted with your application to receive credit for education.

Graduate Education: Completion of graduate level education in the amounts shown above, in addition to meeting the basic requirements, is qualifying for GS-7 and GS-9, if it provided the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to do the work. 1 full year of graduate education is considered to be the number of credit hours that the school attended has determined to represent 1 year of full-time study, 18 semester hours should be considered an academic year of graduate study. Part-time graduate education is creditable in accordance with its relationship to a year of full-time study at the school attended

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR GS-9 AND ABOVE:

GS-09 – Education: 1 year of graduate-level education or superior academic achievement.

Specialized Experience: 1 year equivalent to at least GS-07.

GS-11 – Education: 3 years of progressively higher level graduate education leading to a Ph.D. degree or Ph.D or equivalent doctoral degree.

Specialized Experience: 1 year equivalent to at least GS-09.

GS-12 – Specialized Experience: 1 year equivalent to at least GS-11.

GS-13 – Specialized Experience: 1 year equivalent to at least GS-12.

Specialized Experience is experience that has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform successfully the duties of this position, and that is typically in or directly related to the work of this position. ***Specialized experience includes: participating in the design or implementation of financial databases, automated accounting or accounting feeder systems; operating accounting systems or modules; and performing research and analysis on such systems. Applicants must clearly demonstrate in their application that they possess strong qualifications/specialized experience required of this position.*** Your description of work experience, level of responsibility, and accomplishments will be used to determine that you meet these requirements.

- Applicants must meet all time-in-grade requirements.
- Applicants must meet all qualification requirements within 30 calendar days after the closing date of this announcement.

EVALUATION METHOD: Applicants who meet the basic qualification requirements described above will be further evaluated by determining the extent to which their work or related experience, education, training, awards, outside activities, and performance appraisals, etc., indicate they possess the **Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA)**, described below. **All applicants MUST provide clear, concise examples that show level of accomplishment or degree to which they possess the KSA's either on their applications/resumes or as a separate attachment in order to receive full consideration for this position. The information provided will be used to determine the "Best Qualified" candidates.**

Please briefly address the following Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs).

RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING KSA's IS MANDATORY

1. Ability to analyze financial and financial feeder systems, interfaces and reports or reporting.
 2. Knowledge of the principles used in designing, testing or implementing accounting, management information, reporting or administrative systems.
 3. Ability to interpret federal laws, policies, regulations and manual issuances.
 4. Ability to communicate in writing in areas such as accounting or administrative policy, procedures, manual issuances or instructions.
- These standards also cover positions in the Excepted Service filled in accordance with 5 CFR 213.3116 (b) (8) by Indians entitled to Indian Preference.

WHO MAY APPLY:

Merit Promotion Candidates: Applicants will be accepted from status eligibles (e.g., reinstatement eligibles and current permanent employees in the Competitive Federal Service) and from current permanent IHS employees in the Excepted Service who are entitled to Indian Preference.

Excepted Service Examining Plan (ESEP) Candidates: Applications will be accepted from individuals entitled to Indian Preference. Current permanent IHS Excepted Service employees and Competitive Service employees or reinstatement eligibles entitled to Indian Preference may also apply under the provision of the Indian Health Service ESEP.

- **Candidates must indicate whether their application is being submitted under the *IHS Excepted Service Examining Plan* or the *IHS Merit Promotion Plan*, or both if applicable.**

Veteran's Preference: Veterans who are preference eligibles or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service, may apply.

Commissioned Corps Officers: PHS Commissioned Corps Officers ***are required to apply for this particular position as a civil servant in order to be given consideration for this civil service designated***

position. The USPHS Commissioned Corps Officers who wish to apply for this vacancy announcement must submit a resume and meet the same experience and training requirements for positions as Civil Service applicants as provided by Indian Health Manual, Part 7, Chapter 3 and all other documents specified in this announcement including KSAs, transcripts, registration, etc."

Displaced Federal Employees:

SPECIAL SELECTION PRIORITY PROVISIONS FOR SURPLUS OR DISPLACED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES UNDER A CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PLAN (CTAP).

A. CTAP (for Non - DOD Agencies Only)

If you are currently an employee who has received a Reduction-in-Force (RIF) separation notice, a Certificate of Expected Separation (CES), or notice of proposed separation for declining a direct reassignment or transfer of function outside of the local commuting area, you may be entitled to special selection priority under the Career Transition Assistance Plan (CTAP). To receive this priority consideration you must:

1. Be a current Indian Health Service career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) competitive service employee who has received a RIF separation notice, a Certificate of Expected Separation (CES), or notice of proposed separation for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function outside of the local commuting area, and you are still on the rolls of the Indian Health Service. You must submit a copy of the RIF notice, CES, or notice of proposed separation with your application.
2. Be applying for a position that is at or below the grade level of the position from which you are being separated. The position must not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you are being separated.
3. Have a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. This must be submitted with your application package.
4. Be currently employed by the Indian Health Service in the same commuting area of the position for which you are requesting selection priority.
5. File your application by the closing date of the vacancy announcement and meet all the application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation, etc.).
6. Be rated well-qualified for the position. Well qualified employees are eligible displaced Federal employees who meet the qualification and eligibility requirements for the position (including any selective factors) and possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA) to succeed in the position without undue interruption. Under IHS merit promotion procedures, the employee will be rated and ranked against an established cut-off score to determine the best qualified applicant.

B. ICTAP (for all Federal Agencies)

SPECIAL SELECTION PRIORITY PROVISIONS FOR DISPLACED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES UNDER THE INTERAGENCY CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PLAN (ICTAP).

If you are a displaced Federal employee, you may be entitled to receive special selection priority under the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Plan (ICTAP). To receive this priority you must:

1. Be a displaced Federal employee. You must submit with your application a copy of the appropriate documentation, such as a RIF separation notice, a Standard Form 50 reflecting your RIF separation, or a notice of proposed removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function to another commuting area. The following categories of persons are considered displaced employees:
 - A. Current or former career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) competitive service employees who:
 1. Received a specific RIF separation notice; **or**

2. Separated because of a compensable injury or illness, whose compensation has been terminated, and whose former agency certifies that it is unable to place; **or**
3. Retired with a disability and whose disability annuity has been, or is being, terminated; **or**
4. Upon receipt of a RIF separation notice, retired on the effective date of the RIF and submits a Standard Form 50 that indicates "Retirement in lieu of RIF," or retired under the discontinued service retirement option;

OR

B. Former Military Reserve or National Guard Technicians who are receiving a special OPM disability retirement annuity under Section § 8337(H) or § 8456 of Title 5 United States Code.

2. Be applying for a position at or below the grade level of the position from which you have been separated. The position must not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you were separated.
3. Have a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or the equivalent. You must submit a copy of this performance rating with your application package. (*This requirement does not apply to candidates who are eligible due to compensable injury or disability retirement.*)
4. Occupy or be displaced from a position in the same local commuting area of the position for which you are requesting selection priority.
5. File your application by the closing date of the vacancy announcement and meet all of the application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation, etc.)
6. Be rated "well qualified" for the position. Well qualified employees are eligible displaced Federal employees who meet the qualification and eligibility requirements for the position (including any selective factors) and possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA) to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position upon entry. Under IHS merit promotion procedures, the employees will be rated and ranked against an established cut-off score to determine the best qualified applicant.

Reasonable Accommodation for Disabled Applicants: This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the Division of Human Resources at (301) 443-6520. The decision on granting reasonable accommodations will be on a case-by-case basis.

WHERE TO APPLY:

Indian Health Service
Division of Human Resources
801 Thompson Ave., Suite 120
Rockville, Maryland 20852

- If you wish to submit an application in person, **please bring your application to 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 230, Rockville, Maryland 20852.**
- A copy of this announcement may be obtained by calling (301) 443-6520. Vacancy Announcements may be downloaded from the **OPM Website "USAJOBS"** (www.usajobs.opm.gov) or **IHS' Website** (www.ihs.gov).
- For additional information pertaining to the announcement, contact the Division of Human Resources, at (301) 443-6520.
- The deadline for receipt of complete applications is close of business of the closing date of this announcement.
- Electronic applications **will be** accepted. Please send applications to HQDHR@ihs.gov **ALL** supporting documents must be submitted by the closing date of the announcement (persons who submit incomplete

applications will be given credit **ONLY** for the information they provide and may not, therefore, receive full credit for their veteran's preference determination, Indian Preference, education, training and/or experience.

- Telefaxed copies of applications **will not** be accepted.
 - All applications are subject to retention. NO requests for copies will be honored. Additional information will not be solicited by this office.
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Verification of Indian Preference:** Applicants who wish to receive Indian Preference **MUST** submit the BIA Form 4432, *Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in BIA and IHS Only*. This certifies the applicant an Indian as defined by the Indian Health Manual, Part 7, Chapter 3. **Indian Preference will not be given unless BIA Form 4432 is attached to the application/resume.**
 - Before hiring, the IHS will ask you to complete a "Declaration of Federal Employment" to determine your suitability for Federal employment, to authorize a background investigation and to certify the accuracy of all the information in your application. If you make a false statement in any part of your application, you may not be hired; you may be fired after you begin work; or you may be fined or jailed.
 - If you are a male over the age of 18, and born after December 31, 1959, you must have registered with the Selective Service System (or have an exemption) to be eligible for a Federal job.
 - The law prohibits public officials from appointing, promoting, or recommending their relatives.
 - Federal annuitants (military and civilian) may have their salaries reduced. All employees must pay any valid delinquent debt or the agency may garnish their salary.
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HOW TO APPLY

Choose one of the following forms to apply for this job.
Please submit one application or resume for each different job.

Optional Application for Federal Employment (form number OF-612)	Application for Federal Employment (form number SF-171)	Resume or Other written application format
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***If your resume or application does not provide all the information AND supporting documentation we request, **you will not receive consideration for this job. This includes Veterans Preference (DD-214, SF-15), Indian Preference (BIA 4432), KSA's, Notification of Personnel Actions (SF-50), education (transcripts), training and/or experience.**

Your resume or other application format **MUST** contain the following information:

JOB INFORMATION

Announcement number, title, and grade(s) of the job for which you are applying

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full name, mailing address (with zip codes), day and evening phone numbers (include area codes),

Social Security Number

Country of citizenship

EDUCATION

High School (name, city, and state) and date of diploma or GED

College and/or universities (name, city, and state, major, type and year of degrees received)

Copies of college transcripts. **Education will NOT be given credit without them.**

WORK EXPERIENCE

Give the following for you're paid and non-paid work experience related to the job for which you are applying:

Job title (if Federal, please indicate series and grade)

Duties and accomplishments

Employer's name and address

Supervisor's name and phone number

Starting and ending dates (month and year)

Hours per week

Salary

Indicate if we may contact your current supervisor

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Give dates but do not send documents unless requested:

Job related training courses (title and year)

Job related skills, for example, other languages, computer software/hardware, tools, machinery, typing speed

Job related certificates and licenses (if you are a licensed medical professional, submit copy of license to practice)

Honors, awards, and special accomplishments, for example, publications, memberships, in professional or honor societies, leadership activities, public speaking, and performance awards.

KSA Ranking Factors (see vacancy announcement)

Submit the following documents along with your chosen application format if you are in one of the following categories:

COMMISSIONED OFFICER	INDIAN PREFERENCE	VETERAN PREFERENCE	FEDERAL EMPLOYEE (current, former or displaced)
<p>A. Resume/OF-612</p> <p>B. Most recent "Commissioned Officers Effectiveness Report".</p> <p>C. All other documents specified in this announcement including KSA's, transcripts, registration, etc.</p>	<p>Verification of Indian Preference for Employment, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Form 4432</p> <p>Current IHS Headquarters employees may state that proof of Indian preference is on file in the Official Personnel Folder</p> <p><i>Preference will not be given unless a copy of the 4432 is attached to the application.</i></p>	<p>Certificates of Release or discharge from Active Duty, VA form DD-214, and/or Application for 10 point Veteran Preference, Form SF-15</p> <p>To receive preference if your service began October 15, 1976, you must have a Campaign Badge, Expeditionary Medal, or a service connected disability.</p> <p><i>Preference will not be given unless a copy of the DD-214 (with appropriate dates) is attached to the application.</i></p>	<p>A. Notification of Personnel Action, SF-50.</p> <p>B. Most recent numerical performance rating.</p> <p><i>Priority consideration will not be given to DISPLACED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, unless a copy of the appropriate documentation such as a RIF separation letter, a letter from OPM or your agency documentation showing your priority consideration status is attached to the application.</i></p>

Applicant Background Survey**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

This survey is used to collect and analyze data involving race, sex, age, disability, and national origin from applicants for employment. The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only and will not in any way affect you individually. While completion of this form is voluntary, your cooperation is important to help ensure accurate information regarding employment practices. We ask you to answer each of the questions to the best of your ability. Print your answer clearly. Read each item thoroughly before selecting the appropriate response.

A. Announcement number(s) and/or position(s) for which you are applying:**B. Year of Birth:****C. For Agency Use:****D. How did you learn about the position or exam for which you are applying? For example: radio, job fair, friend, newspaper, school counselor, etc.****E. Ethnicity**

- ☐ HISPANIC or LATINO - a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- ☐ NOT HISPANIC or LATINO

F. Race (select one or more)

- ☐ AMERICAN INDIAN or ALASKA NATIVE - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North or South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- ☐ ASIAN - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, or Vietnam.
- ☐ BLACK or AFRICAN AMERICAN - a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- ☐ NATIVE HAWAIIAN or OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific islands.
- ☐ WHITE - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North America.

G. Sex

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

H. Disability

A person is disabled if he or she has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such impairment.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Convulsive disorder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deaf | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental retardation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blind | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental or emotional illness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Missing extremities | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe distortion of limbs and/or spine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partial paralysis | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete paralysis | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have a disability, but it is not listed (<i>specify</i>): | |

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